



Reception Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 1



MATHS

In Reception the children will be continuing to develop their subitising and counting skills and explore the composition of numbers within and beyond 5.

They will begin to identify when two sets are equal or unequal and connect two equal groups to doubles.

They will begin to connect quantities to numerals.

The children will also continue to develop correct number formation within both Guided Group work and Continuous Provision.

ENGLISH

Reception will be continuing to add to their phonic knowledge during their daily letters and sounds sessions.

They will continue to develop their independent writing skills with an effective pencil grip and encouragement to 'Sound Talk' and 'Blend' phonemes to make phonetically plausible attempts at writing simple words, captions and short sentences.

The Key Texts in Reception this half term will be... 'Bee and Me' and 'Willbee the Bumble Bee'.

SCIENCE

The focus this half term in Reception is 'Mini Beasts and their Habitats'. The children will learn to identify different mini beasts, observe their characteristics and talk confidently about their similarities and differences.

The children will go on a mini beast hunt, a wellie walk and will hold their very own Mini Beast day with a lovely picnic lunch that they will make, including spider sandwiches and hotdog snails.

COMPUTING

The children will begin simple programming whilst learning to use the 'Bee Bots' to move them from one specific place to another. The children will learn about direction and will begin to sequence simple instructions.



HISTORY

In our History lessons this half term the children will be exploring the question...

What was I like when I was born?

The children will look at and develop simple timelines which show milestones in their lives between birth and the present date (including a timeline of our school day).

Art/DT

During this half term the children will be exploring painting and mixed media under the topic of... 'Paint my World'

The children will investigate colour and colour mixing, including different textures with paint. The children will continue to have access to all Art and DT resources within our Craft Continuous Provision Area.

MUSIC

During this half term the children will explore a 'Music and Movement', using our bodies to produce different movements representing a variety of music styles.

RE

Our topic this half term in RE is 'Being Special' and our key question is...

Where do we belong?

This topic encourages us to think about all of the different groups of people that we belong to, our families, our school, our friends and any Community or Sports groups.

MESSAGES AND REMINDERS

Please can I remind you again about the importance of regular reading at home, and the positive impact that this has on your child's progress across all areas of the curriculum Please can you also practise any grapheme/phoneme cards that we send home to ensure that your child continues to make progress within our daily phonics lessons.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs J Smith